

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

"Where Blessings Happen"

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LOVING God. LIVING for Christ. LISTENING to God's Spirit.

February 14, 202 10:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING TIME

"Please enter the sanctuary in reverence and prayer and leave it with joy and fellowship."

RINGING OF THE CHIMES- 10:40- a.m.

Seat Arrivals (Front to Back)

THE PRELUDE

Medley with Love Divine

Ruth Crenshaw

THE WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

George Myers

Please fill out the welcome sheet and place in the offering plate when passed.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,

C: May Jesus Christ be praised!

L: Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine,

C: May Jesus Christ be praised!

L: Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long,

C: May Jesus Christ be praised!

† THE INVOCATION

Lord, Your light shines for all the world to see. We love Your Word, and Your Way, Your Truth, and Your Life! We have gathered that we might come into Your light, that we might see clearly. We also gather to worship Your holy name and to give all of the praise and all of the glory to You. Be lifted up, O Lord! May Jesus Christ be praised! Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No.586(vs. 1,2)

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of the truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

THE CALL TO PRAYER

George Myers

Silent Prayers Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

SPECIAL MUSIC

solo Luis Meza

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-20 & Romans 13:11-14(NIV)

THE SERMON Wake up!

Jim Kotter

WORSHIP THROUGH DECISION AND DEDICATION

† THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Vicki Myers

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance

No.543(vs.1,2)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood This is my

story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day all.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savoir all the day long.

HEALING MINISTRY

Dale Edens

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jennifer Howell

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In unison: "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and my Savior."

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

George Myers

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All believers in Jesus, the Christ, are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper.) Please carry all used cups and wrappers out of the sanctuary. There will be two trash bins on either side of the sanctuary exit.

† THE BENEDICTION

Sandra Blystone

† RECESSIONAL (Back to Front)

† THE POSTLUDE Little Trumpet Tune in G-Harris

† Please stand as you are able

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Robert Arnold **ORGANIST**: Ruth Crenshaw

AUDIO: William See **OFFICE MANAGER:** Samantha Flores

SUNDAY DAYCARE: Laura Perez, Lupe Diaz PIANIST: Anna Longo

VIDEO: Ken Blystone **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Chris Marquez

LAST SUNDAY RECAP

Attendance: 34

Tithes and Offerings: \$9,939.80 Love Offering- Kelly: \$20.00

Kitchen Fund: \$115.00 **Total:** \$10,074.80

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Bob and Gia will be taking vacation from Thursday, February 11th through Wednesday, February 24th. We will be blessed to have Pastor Kotter with us to bring the message on February 14th and 21st. A frequent guest in our pulpit, Pastor Kotter brings biblical inspirational messages for all to hear.

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service

Ken Blystone and Pastor Bob will be recording a virtual Ash Wednesday service to be available for all who with to take part in this special observance. Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 17th, and the service will be e-mailed to the congregation in advance of that date.

Year Ending 2020 Outreach Report

Hello Friends,

We have finished the 2020 year 4th quarter outreach to the following:

El Paso Rescue Mission - \$500.00

Global Ministries (Elena Huegel our missionary) - \$500.00

La Posada Women's Home - \$300.00

Annunciation House Shelter - \$300.00

Opportunity Center for Women - \$300.00

Disciples Week of Compassion - \$300.00

For a total of \$2,200.00

This past year Bethany Christian Church has tithed over \$18,442.00 in outreach funds to local charities, missionaries, CCSW, CFC and Christian Organizations.

Also, in addition, members and special love offerings were over \$6,500.00, to some of our church members, YMCA & La Posada school supplies, Military Bible sticks and Christmas shoes for TLC and others.

I thank God for richly blessing our church, especially through this past year of Covid-19 crisis and having the opportunity to reach out to so many others in need.

Thank you for serving our LORD and His Church.

Peace & Joy to you, Mike De Frank

Bible Study Pause

Because of Pastor Bob's vacation, the online Bible Study will take a two week pause on Wednesday, February 17th and 24th. The Bible Study currently explores the Book of Acts for insights into contemporary Christian living from the experience of the earliest Christians. If you would like to be included in the e-mailed materials and/or the Zoom session each week, simply notify Samantha or Pastor Bob, and we will get you added to the distribution and invitation list.

Social Distance

We ask everyone to please social distance and keep your mask on before, during, and after service, while you are in the building.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"If one member suffers, we all suffer together. If one member is honored, we all rejoice together." (1Corinthians 12:26)

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Dan Blystone (Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Carol Hollshwandner

Gloria Holguin

Bob Snelson

Crystal Espinosa (Dodie Wicker's granddaughter)

Peggy Knapp (Lola Mae Perry' cousin)

Carol Frank

John Chamberlin (Martha Morris's brother)

Phyllis Pickett (Robbie Rossi's friend)

Glenda Koeningsberg

Prayers to the family of Emma Fisher (Peggy William's sister)

Prayers to the family of Tom Stone (Pastor Bob's friend)

Lisa Palafox (Sandra Blystones & Lucy Snelson's friend)

Week Ending February 6

Dan Blystone (Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Carol Hollshwandner

Baby Ella Leyva

Gloria Holguin

Bob Snelson

Jerry De Frank

Crystal Espinosa (Dodie Wicker's granddaughter)

Peggy Knapp (Lola Mae Perry' cousin)

Carol Frank

A Friend of Jennifer Howell & Bodine Porter

John Chamberlin (Martha Morris's brother)

Pastor (Rev.)Dr.Curtis L. Keith

Week Ending January 30 Dan Blystone

(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Carol Hollshwandner

Baby Ella Leyva

Michelle & Cathy Greasby

Gloria Holguin

Bob Snelson

John Chamberlin (Martha Morris's brother)

Mario Medina (Flora Smith's cousin)

Jerry De Frank

Crystal Espinosa (Dodie Wicker's granddaughter)

Peggy Knapp (Lola Mae Perry' cousin)

Our Homebound and in Care Facilities:

Alice McBee, Marvin Morris, Carol Hollshwandner

WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 14-20, 2021

SUNDAY:

Sunday Daycare No Meeting

Sunday School (adults)

No Meeting

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Sun City Bell Ringers No Meeting

TUESDAY

ACOA

WEDNESDAY

Gamblers Anonymous

Bible Study Zoom Meeting No Meeting

THURSDAY

Choir Practice No Meeting

SATURDAY

Music Lessons No Meeting

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-20

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:11-14

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God